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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) A proposal for opening a Veterinary dispensary at Kattumannarkoil is under the consideration of the Government as part of a Part II Scheme for 1955–56. If the scheme is sanctioned, the dispensary will be opened during 1955–56."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the blackquarter disease is prevalent on a large scale and therefore it is essential to open a dispensary not only at Kattumannarkoil but in other places also in South Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, Government will examine that aspect and consider whether more dispensaries could be opened in South Arcot district."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What is this blackquarter business, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The hon. Member may get enlightenment from his neighbour."

Quarters for nurses in Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Rangaswami Reddiar is not in his place; the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the nurses working in the Government Headquarters Hospital, Tiruchirappalli, are provided with Government quarters for their residence;

(*b*) if not, where and how they are housed at present;

(*c*) whether any of the nurses are given quarters intended for Assistant Surgeons working in the said hospital; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to construct Nurses' Home adjoining the hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir; all unmarried women nurses are provided with quarters. Seven of them are accommodated in a Government building within the hospital compound and the remaining eight nurses in a leased building outside the compound close to the hospital. Married nurses, whether men or women, are permitted to live outside with their families by making their own arrangements for accommodation.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir; the building referred to was originally intended for the Resident Medical Officer of the hospital. As separate accommodation has been provided for him in one of the House Surgeon's quarters, it was utilized as quarters for nurses.

" (*d*) Not at present."